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SUBJECT:GA OBSERVER STATUS FOR EC AND CEMA

REF: USUN 3837

1. EC DRAFT RESOLUTION CONTAINED A/L. 734, OCTOBER 4 WITH WHICH, WE UNDERSTAND, CEMA RESOLUTION IS IDENTICAL, GOES CONSIDERABLY BEYOND OBSERVER STATUS ACCORDED OAS, OAU, AND ARAB LEAGUE. EARLIER RESOLUTIONS INVITE THESE REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS ONLY TO "BE PRESENT AT" OR "ATTEND" GA SESSIONS, WHILE PRESENT TEXT SPEAKS OF PARTICIPATING "IN THE SESSIONS AND WORK" OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. "PARTICIPATION" OBVIOUSLY IMPLIES "RIGHT" TO SPEAK AND COULD CONCEIVABLY BE EXTENDED TO VOTING. MOREOVER, IT CERTAINLY NOT CLEAR FROM THIS TEXT THAT PARTICIPATION IS TO BE LIMITED TO GA COMMITTEES, ALTHOUGH DEPT UNDERSTANDS FROM MISSION THIS IS EC INTENTION. IF DRAFT RESOLUTION ADOPTED IN PRESENT FORM, QUESTION OF PLENARY PARTICIPATION WOULD REMAIN OPEN

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ONE, WHATEVER EC AND CEMA PRESENT INTENTIONS ARE, AND ANY

PRIVILEGES ESTABLISHED IN THIS CONTEXT COULD WELL BE CLAIMED AT LATER DATE BY OAS, OAU, AND ARAB LEAGUE. FURTHERMORE, THIS PRECEDENT COULD ENCOURAGE PLO AND LIBERATION MOVEMENTS GENERALLY TO SEEK MORE PERMANENT, THOUGH STILL LIMITED, ASSOCIATION WITH GA THAN THEY HAVE SO FAR ENJOYED.

2. MISSION SHOULD THEREFORE SEEK, AT LEVELS AND THROUGH CHANNELS IT DEEMS MOST LIKELY PROVE EFFECTIVE (INCLUDING SYG OR UNSEC), PERSUADE EC MEMBERS MODIFY PRESENT DRAFT TO CORRESPOND WITH PREVIOUS RESOLUTIONS ON GA OBSERVER STATUS FOR OAS, OAU AND ARAB LEAGUE, THUS SUBSTITUTING "ATTEND" OR "BE PRESENT AT" FOR "PARTICIPATE" AND REPLACING REFERENCE TO "SESSIONS AND WORK" WITH REFERENCE SOLELY TO "SESSIONS" OF GA. WE ASSUME OF COURSE THAT IDENTICAL CHANGE WOULD BE MADE IN CEMA RESOLUTION. YOU SHOULD INDICATE TO EC MEMBERS THAT US WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO SUPPORT DRAFT RESOLUTION IN ITS PRESENT FORM AND YOU WOULD HAVE TO ABSTAIN.

3. AT MISSION'S DISCRETION, EC-9 COUNTRIES SHOULD BE ASKED TO SEEK POSTPONEMENT OF VOTE ON THESE RESOLUTIONS UNTIL THERE HAS BEEN TIME FOR THEIR GOVERNMENTS TO CONSIDER OUR SUGGESTIONS AND UNTIL ISSUE OF PLO APPEARANCE HAS BEEN RESOLVED. INGERSOLL

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